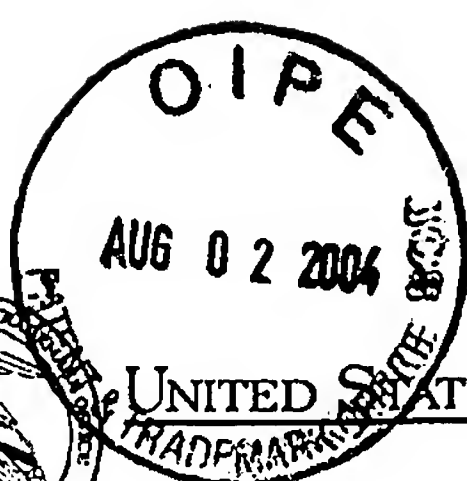


1FW✓



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
 United States Patent and Trademark Office  
 Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
 www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING OR 371 (c) DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/809,194	03/25/2004	Michael V. Lipoma	2G02.1-111

CONFIRMATION NO. 6001

23506

GARDNER GROFF, P.C.  
 PAPER MILL VILLAGE, BUILDING 23  
 600 VILLAGE TRACE  
 SUITE 300  
 MARIETTA, GA 30067

FORMALITIES LETTER



\*OC000000012880732\*

Date Mailed: 06/07/2004

## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of \$90 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$990 for a Large Entity

- \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.

08/03/2004 WASFAW1 00000080 10809194

01 FC:1001  
 02 FC:1051  
 03 FC:1202

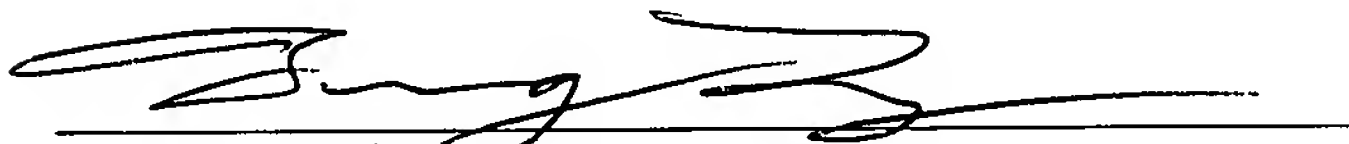
770.00 OP  
 130.00 OP  
 90.00 OP

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$90**
  - **\$90** for **5** total claims over 20.

Replies should be mailed to:    Mail Stop Missing Parts  
   Commissioner for Patents  
   P.O. Box 1450  
   Alexandria VA 22313-1450

---

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

  
Customer Service Center  
Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE



Serial No.: 10/809,194  
Attorney Docket No.: 2G02.1-111  
PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: LIPOMA et al.	)	
	)	
Serial No.: 10/809,194	)	Group Art Unit: 3731
	)	
Filing Date: March 25, 2004	)	Examiner: N/A
	)	
For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRE-	)	
LANCING STIMULATION OF PUNCTURE	)	
SITE"	)	
<hr/>		

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

Mail Stop Missing Parts  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

GARDNER GROFF, P.C.  
Paper Mill Village, Building 23  
600 Village Trace, Suite 300  
Marietta, Georgia 30067

July 29, 2004

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed in response to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF  
NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION dated June 7, 2004:

- One copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application
- An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney
- Return Postcard plus postage
- Credit Card Payment Form for \$990 for Missing Parts surcharge and Statutory basic filing fee including extra claims fee

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number **50-1513**. This Response is believed to be timely. However, if any extension of time is necessary, please consider this a request therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

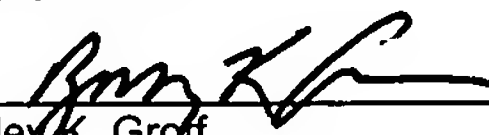
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Bradley K. Groff  
Reg. No. 39,695

GARDNER GROFF, P.C.  
Paper Mill Village, Building 23  
600 Village Trace, Suite 300  
Marietta, Georgia 30067  
Tel: (770) 984-2300  
Fax: (770) 984-0098

W:\Client Files\BKG Clients\2G02-Facet\2G02.1-111 Pre-Lancing Stimulation of Puncture Site (NonProv)\0023.ltr (Missing Parts Response).wpd

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date indicated below:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Bradley K. Groff

July 29, 2004  
Date